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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/28/05.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,9,11-16 and 18-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,9,11-16 and 18-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. ***Claims 1-8 and 10-17*** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1).

Regarding ***claim 1***, Nagendran discloses, a method for providing base station (10), which reads on claimed "entry node", location information to a service provider, as referenced in column 5 line 49, in a wireless telecommunication system, comprising the steps of:

- receiving a service provider data packet from the service provider at a wireless device. Although Nagendran does not specifically state that a data packet is received at a mobile device (11) from a said service provider, it is inherent in the area of Cellular Communications that when a mobile device is in the active state, the service provider recognizes the mobile device's (11) presence by sending out signals to the said mobile device. Therefore, as evidenced by the fact that one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that due to the response of the mobile device (11) by sending a data packet to the entry node, a previous step of

receiving a packet from the service provider would have occurred prior. See column 4 lines 55-67 and column 5 lines 1-22. As well as receiving a service provider data packet from the service provider as a said mobile device (11). See column 5 lines 57-64.

- in response to receiving the data packet, sending from the wireless dive a radio frequency acknowledgement to the said wireless entry node. Although Nagendran does not specifically state that a frequency acknowledgement is sent from the said mobile device to the said entry node, it is inherent in the area of Cellular Communications that when a mobile device is in the active state and ready to communicate with the network that entry node provides information to the said mobile device in regards to the channel in which the device should transmit on. Therefore, as evidenced by the fact that one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that in response to the entry node sending information to the said mobile device, the mobile device sends an acknowledgement message back to the said entry node acknowledging the fact that the device is ready to communicate. See column 5 lines 33-35. See column 4 lines 55-67 and column 5 lines 1-22.
- sending a request for information, which reads on claimed "subscriber data packet," from a mobile device (11) to a wireless telecommunications system's said base station (10). See column 5 lines 33-35;
- sending resource identification information for the said base station (10) to the service provider. See column 5 lines 35-50; and

- determining the location of the said base station (10) based on the resource identification information from the said base station (10). See column 5 lines 43-55.

Regarding **claim 2**, according to **claim 1**, Nagendran further discloses a method comprising the step of determining the number of service provider subscribers operating in the location of the said base station (10). See column 6 lines 42-49.

Regarding **claim 3**, according to **claim 2**, Nagendran further teaches of step of modifying data transmitted to the subscribers to reduce overburdening components of the telecommunications system based on the number of the subscribers operating in the location of the base station (10). See column 2 lines 21-25 and lines 40-42.

Regarding **claim 4**, according to **claim 3**, Nagendran discloses the step wherein modifying the data further comprises altering the frequency, volume and content of data transmitted to the subscribers based on the number of the subscribers operating in the location of the base station (10). See column 2 lines 21-25.

Regarding **claim 5**, according to **claim 1**, Nagendran discloses the step of sending said base station (10) information to the service provider subscribers operating in the location of the said base station (10). See column 2 lines 26-43 and lines 61-66.

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Regarding **claim 6**, according to **claim 5**, Nagendran discloses the step of sending the said base station (10) location information to the service provider subscribers includes sending commercial and non-commercial information related to an area covered by the said base station (10). See column 2 lines 40-66.

Regarding **claim 7**, according to **claim 1**, Nagendran discloses a step further comprising the step of sending the said base station (10) location information to a third party subscriber of the location information on the operators of the said mobile device (11) located within a service area of the said wireless communication system said base station (10). See column 4 lines 11-25.

Regarding **claim 11**, according to **claim 1**, Nagendran discloses a step of determining the location of the said base station based on the resource identification information from the said base station, further includes querying an entry node database for the location of the said base station (10) based on the resource information. See column 5 lines 57-64.

Regarding **claim 12**, according to **claim 1**, Nagendran discloses a step in column 5 lines 39-50 wherein, the determination of the said base station (10) based on the said information from the said base station (10) further includes extracting the said location of the said base station (10) from the said information from the mobile station (11).

Regarding **claim 13**, Nagendran discloses a system for providing base station (10) location information to a service provider in a wireless telecommunication system, comprising:

- a mobile device (11) operative to send request information to a wireless telecommunications system said base station (10). See column 5 lines 33-35 receiving a service provider data packet from the service provider at a wireless device. Although Nagendran does not specifically state that a data packet is received at a mobile device (11) from a said service provider, it is inherent in the area of Cellular Communications that when a mobile device is in the active state, the service provider recognizes the mobile device's (11) presence by sending out signals to the said mobile device. Therefore, as evidenced by the fact that one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that due to the response of the mobile device (11) by sending a data packet to the entry node, a previous step of receiving a packet from the service provider would have occurred prior. See column 4 lines 55-67 and column 5 lines 1-22. As well as receiving a service provider data packet from the service provider as a said mobile device (11). See column 5 lines 57-64;
- a mobile switch operative to send resource identification information for the entry node to the service provider. See column 5 lines 43-45. In response to receiving the data packet, sending from the wireless device a radio frequency acknowledgement to the said wireless entry node. Although Nagendran does not specifically state that a frequency acknowledgement is sent from the said mobile device to the said entry node, it is inherent in the area of Cellular

Communications that when a mobile device is in the active state and ready to communicate with the network that entry node provides information to the said mobile device in regards to the channel in which the device should transmit on. Therefore, as evidenced by the fact that one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that in response to the entry node sending information to the said mobile device, the mobile device sends an acknowledgement message back to the said entry node acknowledging the fact that the device is ready to communicate. See column 5 lines 33-35. See column 4 lines 55-67 and column 5 lines 1-22; and

- a service provider operative to determine the location of the said base station (10) on the resource information from the said base station (10). See column 5 lines 43-45.

Regarding **claim 14**, according to **claim 13**, Nagendran disclose whereby the service provider is further operative:

- to determine the number of service provider subscribers operating in the location of the said base station (10). See column 6 lines 42-49.
- to modify data transmitted to the subscribers to reduce overburdening components of the telecommunications system based on the number of the subscribers operating in the location of the said base station (10). See column 2 lines 21-25 and lines 40-42.

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Regarding **claim 15**, according to **claim 14**, Nagendran discloses wherein service provider is further operative:

- to modify the frequency, speed, volume and content of data transmitted to the subscribers based on the number of the subscribers operating in the location of the system's said base station (10). See column 2 lines 21-25.

Regarding **claim 16**, according to **claim 13**, Nagendran discloses whereby the service provider is further operative to send base station (10) location information to service provider subscribers operating in the location of the system's said base station (10). See column 2 lines 26-43 and lines 61-66.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. ***Claims 9 and 18-22*** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) in view of Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899).

Regarding ***claims 9 and 18***, according to ***claims 8 and 13***, Nagendran discloses a step of sending subscriber information from a said mobile device (11) to a wireless communication system said base station (10) further includes sending a radio frequency acknowledgement from the said mobile device to the said wireless communication said base station (10). See column 4 lines 55-67 and column 5 lines 1-22.

However, Nagendran fails to clearly disclose wherein creating a traffic log including resource identification information on the entry node and sending the traffic log and the subscriber data packet to a mobile switch.

Brody teaches in column 13 lines 37-45 of a LBSTATUS table (80), which reads on claimed "traffic log," including resource identification information on the cell site. As

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well as sending the said LBSTATUS table (80) and a said subscriber data packet from a said base station to a MTX, which reads on claimed "mobile switch." See column 14 lines 22-37.

Therefore, at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skilled in the art to modify the teachings of Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) in view of Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899) in order to provide the system a means of developing a traffic log to efficiently monitor and control the subscriber within a designated cell site.

Regarding **claim 19**, Nagendran discloses a method of providing a base station (10) location information to a service provider in a wireless communication system, comprising the steps of:

- receiving a data packet from the said service provider at a said mobile device (11). See column 5 lines 57-64;
- at the base station (10), determining the location of the base station (10) based on the resource identification information. See column 5 lines 30-55;

However, Nagendran fails to clearly disclose wherein a switch, extracting the resource identification information from the traffic log.

Brody teaches in column 13 lines 37-45 of a LBSTATUS table (80), which reads on claimed "traffic log," including resource identification information on the cell site. As well as sending the said LBSTATUS table (80) and a said subscriber data packet from a

said base station to a MTX, which reads on claimed "switch." See column 14 lines 22-37 and column 13 lines 37-45.

Therefore, at the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify the teachings of Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) in view of Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899) in order to provide the system a means of developing a traffic log to efficiently monitor and control the subscriber within a designated cell site.

Regarding **claim 20**, as the combination of Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) and Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899) are made, the combination according to **claim 19**, further teaches, as disclosed by Nagendran in column 6 lines 42-49, wherein at the service provider, determining the number of subscribers operating in the location in the entry.

Regarding **claim 21**, as the combination of Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) and Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899) are made, the combination according to **claim 19**, further teaches, as disclosed by Nagendran in column 2 lines 21-25 and lines 40-42, wherein modifying of the data transmitted to the subscribers to reduce overburdening components of the said system based on the number of the subscribers operating at the said base station (10).

Regarding **claim 22**, as the combination of Nagendran (U.S. Patent Number 6,731,940 B1) and Brody et al. (U.S. Patent Number 4,670,899) are made, the combination according to **claim 19**, further teaches, as disclosed by Nagendran in column 2 lines 40-66, wherein information to the subscribers include sending commercial and non-commercial information related to an area covered by the said base station (10).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 4/28/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding **claim 1**, the Applicant argues that use of the prior art fails to clearly teach of the following:

- 1.) in response to receiving the data packet from the service provider,
- 2.) sending a radio frequency acknowledgement and sending resource identification information for the entry node to the service provide based on the radio frequency acknowledgement.

However, as explained in the above Office Action, the Examiner takes the position that the claimed language by the Applicant is inherent. In the field of cellular communications, one of ordinary skill in the art would inherently recognize that the process prior to communicating information over a wireless network includes the recognition, acknowledgement, the allocation of channels and the acknowledgement of the channel allocation. Therefore, the claimed language is not deemed to be novel.

In addition, regarding **claims 9 and 18-19**, the Applicant asserts that the claimed prior art fails to conform to the claimed language of creating a traffic log at the side entry node. Although, the cited secondary reference of Brody teaches of the traffic log being stored in the said switch, the transition of the functionality to the base station does not constitute novelty. The examiner respectfully cites the following from the MPEP:

See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988), and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, as previously stated, it is obvious and well known to transition the functionality to another device in the network in order to reduce the burden of a give device.

Therefore, with these comments and the above Office Action, **claims 1-7, 9, 11-16 and 18-22** stand rejected.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Randy Peaches whose telephone number is (571) 272-7914. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha D. Banks-Harold can be reached on (571) 272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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July 14, 2005



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